

CHEMUNG CANAL TRUST
COMPANY**HON. JOHN R. "RANDY" KUHL, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. KUHL of New York. Madam Speaker, in the fall of 1833, the Chemung Canal Trust Company opened its doors to the public and has continued to serve the Chemung community through banking, loans, and investment opportunities.

Over the last 175 years Chemung Canal Trust Company has continued to grow and now includes three of the counties that I represent in 29th district of New York including Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties.

From providing the funds for a family to purchase their dream home to allocating loans so a student can pursue a higher education degree, Chemung Canal Trust has made a difference in New York for 175 years. And through the last 175 years, they have not lost their commitment and dedication to this community.

I want to congratulate all of the employers, patrons, and everyone associated with Chemung Canal Trust Company for this amazing accomplishment. I know that this company will flourish for another 175 years and will continue to be a strong contributor to the people of my district and to businesses in New York.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RICHARD
GONZALES**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the city of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Corona Police Chief Richard Gonzales is one of these individuals. On September 12, 2008, Richard Gonzales will retire as the Corona Chief of Police.

A native Californian, born in Los Angeles, Richard makes his home in Corona with his wife Terry. Richard was sworn in as Corona's Police Chief on February 17, 1998. Previously, he spent 26 years the Los Angeles Police Department, beginning in 1972 as a patrol officer and retiring in 1998 as Captain III overseeing a staff of 170 at Hollenbeck Division. Prior to this he was the commanding officer of the 77th Street area.

Chief Gonzales holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, both from Cal State Long Beach. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and in 2001 he attended the FBINA LEEDS Training. He has attained an "Executive" POST Certificate. He previously taught a POST supervisory course at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside for the Sheriff's Department and a POST supervisory LDSP course at Golden West College.

During his tenure as Chief of Police for the city of Corona, Gonzales oversaw the growth of the department from 114 officers to 189 officers. In addition, he advocated for the acquisition of a mobile command post, computers for patrol cars and an indoor shooting range that is 25 lanes wide. Chief Gonzales has been an excellent public servant who has consistently provided for the safety and well-being of the community of Corona.

Chief Gonzales is also actively involved in community youth activities as a board member of UNITY. His hobbies include golf and jogging and he is a member of his department's Baker-to-Vegas running team. Chief Gonzales has actively instituted partnerships with the local school district, ministerial groups and other service organizations to keep our community safe and raise the quality of life we share here in Corona. In 1999, Chief Gonzales was honored by the Inland Empire Hispanic Image Awards as "Public Safety Person of the Year" and in 2001 received the Ira Calvert Distinguished Citizen of the Year award. In July, 2003, he received the "Law Administrator of the Year" award from the California School Resource Officers' Association.

Richard's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Richard a fellow community member, American, and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION
RECOVERY MONTH**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, whereas, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and

Whereas, treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent; and

Whereas, treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly \$11,487 for each person treated; and

Whereas, we must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services, and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and

Whereas, cost and insurance barriers present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; and

Whereas, it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars; and

Whereas, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and The South Jersey Coalition invite all residents of 1st Congressional District of New Jersey to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month); and now, therefore,

I, Congressman ROB ANDREWS, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the 1st Congressional District and call upon the people of the 1st Congressional District to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."

PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4081, the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking, PACT, Act of 2008, and commend Mr. WEINER and Mr. SMITH for their hard work on this important bill. By some accounts, my own State of Illinois has lost \$214 million last year alone due to smuggling, counterfeit products, and Internet sales.

The illegal trafficking of cigarettes not only results in the loss of Federal, State and local taxes on those products, but it is also of very serious consequence because much of these profits is going to fund criminal and terrorist activities.

Currently, there is technology available that can dramatically improve the States' tobacco tax security systems. One such system, currently in use by the State of California with great success, about to be implemented by New Jersey and under consideration by other States as well, is manufactured in my district. My hope is we can move forward on this issue to ensure these new technologies can be part of a bigger solution.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the future to pursue ways in which the Congress can assist States in understanding and implementing such systems to combat smuggling of tobacco products.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
AWARD DR. JOSEPH B. KIRSNER
THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
MEDAL**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce this bill to award Dr. Joseph B. Kirsner the Congressional Gold Medal for his outstanding work in the medical field of gastroenterology.

The son of Russian immigrants, Kirsner overcame adversity as a young man and graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine